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ACCRA FOR RCO

E O 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, CD
SUBJ: ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0045 APRIL 1 HEAVY GUNFIRE BROKE OUT IN CENTRAL NDJAMENA. ALL AMERICANS WHO REACHABLE NOTIFIED WITHIN NEXT THIRTY MINUTES REMAIN AT HOME INDOORS. HEAVY FIRING CONTINUED FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, AND SPORADIC FIRING UNTIL ABOUT 0630 HOURS. IN VIEW CENTRAL LOCATION APPARENT GUNFIRE, I INSTRUCTED STAFF STAY AWAY FROM CHANCERY WHICH LOCATED WITHIN BLOCK PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. WHILE TELEPHONES CONTINUED IN OPERATION, ALL INTERNATIONAL CALLS REFUSED.
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2. CITY APPEARS QUIET AS OF 0800 LOCAL. RADIO CAUTIONED ALL CITIZENS REMAIN AT HOME AS OF 0700; RADIO WENT OFF AIR AT APPROXIMATELY 0730. NO PROBLEM ACCESS CHANCERY FROM NEARBY AMB/DCM RESIDENCES, BUT OTHER AREAS CITY CORDONED OFF BY TROOPS.

3. BRIEF RECONNAISANCE CENTER CITY EARLY A.M. REVEALED EVIDENCE

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FIRING AGAINST PRESIDENCY AND CENTER CITY MILITARY ENCAMPMENT. SOLDIERS AT COMPANY STRENGTH BEING PARADED BEFORE LATTER AT 0730. AT 0300 DCM HAD OPPORTUNITY BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH OFFICER OF GOC INTELLIGENCE WHO CLAIMED UNABLE IDENTIFY ATTACKING FORCES EXCEPT FOR FACT THAT THEY "MUSULMAN." INITIAL REACTION FRENCH EMBASSY IS THAT ATTACKERS MEMBERS GUARD NOMADE, POSSIBLY WITH OUTSIDE HELP. AS OF 0800, RUMORS WHICH HAVE LITTLE IDENTIFICABLE BASIS IN FACT, MAINTAINED THAT UNIDENTIFIED REBEL GROUPS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENCY WITH PURPOSE FREEING CONSPIRATORS APRIL 13, 1976, ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND FORCING REORGANIZATION GOC.

4. ALL AMERICANS BELIEVED SAFE. DEPT PLEASE INFORM CARE HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK AND CONOCO THAT EMBASSY IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO REPORT NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN WELL-BEING LOCAL STAFF.BRADFORD

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